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SUBJ: ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE

1. NORWEGIAN MISSION SENT A CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL
GENEVA MISSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 10 ASKING SUPPORT FOR
HAREIDE TO PRESIDE OVER ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE.
(THIRTY-ONE OF THESE MISSIONS HAD RECEIVED AN EARLIER
NORWEGIAN NOTE AT THE TIME WHEN JAPAN STILL WAS AN
ACTIVE CANDIDATE.) OSLO HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSIES
TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES IN CAPITALS. ONLY
RESPONSE THUS FAR COMES FROM INDONESIA, WHICH AGREED
TO SUPPORT HAREIDE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF JAPAN AND
INDONESIA ASSURED, THE NORWEGIAN MISSION
ESTIMATES THAT THERE IS NOW NO PROSPECT OF
ANY ASIAN COMPETITOR ARISING. NORWAY ASSUMES WEO
COUNTRIES WILL FALL IN BEHIND HAREIDE.

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2. BEARING OUT THIS LAST ASSUMPTION EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES

IN MEETING WITH HOROWITZ SEPT. 13 (SEPTTEL)
EXPRESSED THE GENERAL EXPECTATION EACH OF
THE 9 WOULD SUPPORT HAREIDE OVER HIS POLISH CONTENDER,
ALTHOUGH NO COMMON POSITION HAS YET BEEN ARRIVED
AT . HOROWITZ TOLD THE 9 THAT THE US WAS PREPARED
TO AFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR HAREIDE, BUT HAD HOPED TO
BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE 9 IN DOING SO, AND HOPED THE
POSITION OF THE EC-9 WOULD BE MADE KNOWN SOON. THE
REASON FOR DELAY ON THE PART OF THE 9 APPEARS TO BE
FALLING AWAY AS NONE AT THE SEPT 13 CONSULTATION
HAD DETECTED THE PROSPECT OF ANY CANDIDACIES OTHER
THAT THOSE OF NORWAY AND POLAND. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME IN PARIS HAD TOYED WITH THE
IDEA OF SUPPORTING THE POLISH CANDIDATE, BUT GAVE IT
AS HIS OWN ESTIMATE THAT FRANCE COULD BE EXPECTED
TO STAND WITH THE 9. COMMENT: THE NORWEGIANS
(CORRECTLY, WE BELIEVE) EXPECT THAT THE THIRD WORLD
REPRESENTATIVES THEY ARE APPROACHING WILL ASSUME THERE
IS WEO SUPPORT FOR HAREIDE AND ARE NOT DIVERTING
THEIR ENERGIES AT THIS POINT, THEREFORE, TO SECURING
AN EXPRESSION OF EC-9 SUPPORT. THEY UNDERSTAND
THEY HAVE US SUPPORT. END COMMENT.

3. A SOVIET MISSION OFFICER HAS ASKED TO CALL ON
US SEPT 14 TO DISCUSS THE MARITIME CONFERENCE. CATTO
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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